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SUBJECT: US-CANADA BORDER INCIDENTS

1. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PLACED ON PARLIAMENTARY ORDER PAPER
BY VICTOR RAILTON (LIBERAL-WELLAND, ONT.) FEB 17:

"1. WHAT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY AND THE INTENTION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE
INCIDENT AT THE PEACE BRIDGE INVOLVING THE BUFFALO POLICE
(B) THE INCIDENT OCCURRING AT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA-WASHINGTON
STATE BOUNDARY?

"2. (A) WAS CAPTAIN SIMPSON, WHO SKIPPERS A FISHING
BOAT OUT OF KINGSVILLE, ONTARIO, STOPPED AND BOARDED BY
A US GAME WARDEN LAST OCTOBER (B) DID CAPTAIN SIMPSON PRO-
CEED TO KINGSVILLE WITH THE US GAME WARDEN ON BOARD (C)
WHAT ACTION WILL THE GOVERNMENT TAKE IN RELATION TO THIS
INCIDENT?"

2. GOVERNMENT REPLY PUBLISHED APRIL 21:

"1. (A) IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PROTECT
CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY. IT IS THE INTENTION OF CANADIAN
AUTHORITIES TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED
STATES AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING THE POSSI-
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BILITIES OF A RECURRENCE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CONSIDERS THE INCIDENT CLOSED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ARREST OF MR. ANDERSON WAS MADE ON CANADIAN SOIL, EXPRESSED ITS REGRETS, AND RETURNED MR. ANDERSON TO CANADA.

"2. (A) CAPTAIN SIMPSON'S BOAT WAS BOARDED BY AN OHIO WILDLIFE AGENT. (B) YEST. (C) THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE INCIDENT. THE ESSEX COUNTRY CROWN ATTORNEY HAS DETERMINED THAT THE FACTS OF THE CASE DO NOT WARRANT THE LAYING OF CHARGES IN CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE ANY ACTION BEARING UNIQUELY ON THIS CASE. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MEET WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AND TO SEEK TO AVOID THE RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS ON THE LAKE."
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